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Current Local Events of the Day Briefly Told.

Bits of Facts and Gossip Gathered on the Streets by Times Reporters—Points Political, Social and General Happening Yesterday.

What's Going on To-day.
HUSTINGS COURT—Criminal cases.
GREENE MEMO—AL CHURCH—“Mothers” meeting.

CHRIST CHURCH—Mid-week services, 7:30 p. m.
HOTEL LEE—Meeting Democratic executive committee.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH—Children's meeting and church conference.
106 TERRY BUILDING—Meeting Fraternal Mystic Circle.

Greene-Memorial Church Stewards Meet.
The board of stewards of Greene-Memorial Church held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the law office of Moomaw & Woods to transact the financial affairs of the church.

Local Option Meetings.

There will be a meeting of the Local Option Club at Grace Methodist Church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. The First Ward Local Option Club will meet in the Hustings Courtroom Friday night for reorganization.

Resolutions Upon Mrs. Atkins' Death.

At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Grace Methodist Church, resolutions were adopted out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Eliza Atkins, a member of the society, who died at her home in this city February 5.

Pocahontas Coal Shipments.

The following are the shipments for the Pocahontas Coal Company for the week ending Saturday, February 17: Clinch Valley Coal, 5,326 tons; Pocahontas coal, 39,872 tons; total 45,198 tons.

Mothers' Meetings to be Held.

A mothers' meeting will be held at Greene-Memorial Church to-day at 3 p. m.; also a meeting of the same kind at St. James' Church to-morrow at 3 p. m., both of which will be conducted by Mrs. Newton, of Staunton, State organizer of the W. C. T. U.

Committee on Fire and Water Meets.

The committee on fire and water of the City Council held a meeting last night in the office of the clerk and considered matters which had been referred to it at the last meeting of Council. It will make a report at the next regular meeting.

Saw the Thief Before He Escaped.

Mrs. John H. White, who resides on Seventh avenue n. e., saw that the door to her honory was open just before daylight yesterday morning. On going to the door she found a large negro, who had killed several fine fowls. The thief made his escape, but left the chickens.

Collided With the Hook and Ladder Truck.

The aerial hook and ladder, which was out yesterday afternoon to exercise the horses, and a wagon of the Roanoke Transfer Company came into contact at the corner of Salem avenue and Jefferson street about 6 o'clock and caused considerable excitement. Neither vehicle was injured.

Revival at Calvary Baptist Church.

The revival services at the Calvary Baptist Church were again largely attended last night. Rev. Dr. G. A. D. Thomas, of North Carolina, preached an interesting and instructive sermon, and kept the strict attention of the congregation throughout the discourse. The revival will continue throughout the week.

Emma Was Held for the Grand Jury.

Emma Wright, the colored woman who was arrested Monday on the charge of stealing a cloak from Harrell Bros' store, was given a hearing in the police court yesterday morning. The cloak was found in Emma's possession and she testified that she bought the cloak from a lady but didn't know who she was. She was sent on to the grand jury and bailed in the sum of \$350.

Martin Arrested Again.

J. R. Preas, deputy marshal of Bedford county, arrested and brought to Roanoke yesterday, M. F. Martin, on a charge of resisting an officer. He waived examination, and gave bond of \$300 with J. N. Speece as security for his appearance at the United States court. Martin is now under \$500 bond for trial upon a charge of selling illicit whiskey.

Trinity Methodist Church Announcements.

The children of Trinity Methodist Church are requested to meet at the church this evening at 4:30 o'clock, when a juvenile society will be organized.

The church conference which was postponed on account of the rain last Wednesday, will be held at the church to-night at 7:30. A full attendance of the members is desired.

The Bank to be Closed as Soon as Possible.

The committee appointed by the stockholders of the Roanoke Savings Bank to close up its affairs, composed of S. S. Brooke, William G. Evans, Walter McDowell, George W. Ramsey and J. Graham Anderson, met at 10 o'clock yesterday and appointed J. D. Smith, manager, and C. R. Evans, assistant manager, with instructions to close up the bank as early as possible. The committee will meet again Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Entire Services at the Episcopal Churches.

The Lenten services at Christ Episcopal Church this evening will be at 7:30 instead of 5:30 as heretofore. The exercises will last only 30 minutes, 15 minutes being devoted to prayer and praise and the remaining 15 occupied by

READS TO WORKMEN.

THE NOVEL OCCUPATION FOLLOWED BY A NEW YORK MAN.

Cuban Cigar Makers Pay Him Well For Translating and Reading Aloud Newspapers and Books While They Work—His Audience Sometimes Critical.

The Spanish speaking cigar makers in this town employ a man to read to them while they are at work. In no other industry is this thing done, though it would seem that other workers "by the piece" could imitate the Cubans to advantage. Not only do they keep in touch with all the news, but it keeps them from talking, and there isn't a minute of their time wasted.

The Cubans are great talkers, and this is what probably started the custom in the cigar factories of Havana. When the men were brought to this country to make their cigars in Key West and the lower part of New York city, they wanted a reader more than ever. They are very bright, intelligent fellows, these Cubans, and they take a deep interest in the news of the world as well as the latest intelligence from their own little island. They all subscribe to a fund to pay their reader, and they work all the harder for keeping their mouths closed and their minds employed as they roll the tobacco.

Julian Barreda is probably the most popular of the young men who earn a good living by amusing and instructing the cigar makers. He is a native of Porto Rico, where he learned the English language as well as a great many other things. He has had a college education and can translate the English and American newspapers into Latin and Greek as easily as in Spanish.

He is employed just now in two factories, that of Lozano, Pendas & Co., at 209 Pearl street, and another one at William and Platt streets. When Barreda first came to this country, he could not speak the language very well, though he knew it theoretically and could read and write it. He is a skilled electrician, but could get nothing to do in his line and so went to addressing envelopes at \$3.50 a week. There was a vacancy in one of the Cuban cigar factories after awhile, and by that time Barreda had mastered the speech of this country.

He walked into the factory one day, and mounting the table which served as a rostrum for the reader he made a little speech to the men, the purport of which was that he thought he would make a good reader for them.

They told him to go ahead and show what he could do. He pulled a paper out of his pocket and began reading a tariff editorial to them. They demanded more when he had finished the editorial, and he read to them for an hour, translating the cable news, the sensations of the day and the Washington dispatches into their native Spanish. The trial was satisfactory, and he was engaged at once for four hours a day. There were 80 Cubans in the factory at that time, and each agreed to give him 25 cents a week. Then Barreda made an arrangement on the same terms with another factory, which employed 40 men, and he was in receipt of a good income at once.

He reads for 1½ hours at each factory in the morning and for 2½ hours in the afternoon. He has his evenings to himself, but he occupies a couple of hours then in reading the afternoon papers to familiarize himself with the late news, and so his day is a busy one.

"It is not so easy a task as one might suppose," said Barreda to a reporter. "The men are very critical, and if the matter is dull or uninteresting they do not hesitate to shout out and demand a change. They are especially interested in the foreign news. Then they want the general news and anything sensational in the city news. They like scandal. A divorce case or anything on that order just suits them. As fast as the Cuban papers arrive by mail I get them and read them, and the Spanish papers published in the city contain a great deal that the men want to hear."

"In the afternoon I read to them out of some book. Just now I am reading 'Gil Blas' in one shop and a Spanish novel called 'The Two Sisters' in the other. When I have finished a novel, I select half a dozen others that I think will suit them and read them a list of titles. Then they vote on which one I shall begin."

"Are they good listeners?"
"The best in the world. They are working all the time, and they are anxious not to miss a word. They work faster when some one is reading, and they realize that if they ever get to talking together their bill at the end of the week will be just so much less. They are nearly all revolutionists, you know, and there is great chance for argument among them, because they all belong to different factions."

"I have to be very careful in reading the Cuban papers and those published in Spanish in this city that I do not miss an editorial representing some particular shade of opinion. No matter how radical it is, it is sure to have some adherent and some sympathizer in the shop."

Barreda has learned to be a very discriminating newspaper reader. He knows when to skip the dry part of an article, and he knows just what newspaper is the one to begin on in the morning.

None of his hearers speaks English, and their desire to know about the country and the city they are living in makes the employment of the reader not only a luxury which few workmen enjoy at their occupations, but an absolute necessity.—New York World.

A Good Match.

Little Ethel—I dess I'll marry Georgie Sweet w'en he grows up.
Mother—You like him, do you?
Little Ethel—No, no much, but he's fus as fond of chocolates as I am.—Good News.

ROGUEISH LITTLE MINCH.

The Trick by Which the Famous Race Horse Got His Name.

Many stories are told of Little Minch, the race horse, which indicate that he is a remarkably sagacious animal. Some would assert that he is capable of reasoning, but horse fanciers are liable to distort instinct and pure roguishness into reason and sagacity. It is said that while this son of Glenelg was being transported east after his sale as a yearling he was given a nickname by a railroad engineer that was subsequently applied to the horse, and under it he won his laurels. Little Minch's car was attached to the front end of a passenger train, and the bell rope passed through it, the same as it would through a passenger car. The horse was playful, and after several unsuccessful attempts to seize the rope in his teeth the spiteful little youngster finally got the cord and gave it a lusty jerk. The bell in the engine cab sounded, and the engineer, fearing something was wrong back in the train, made haste to shut off steam and apply his airbrake. After coming to a stop he waited for the astonished trainmen to come up to his cab. They denied that any one had pulled the cord, and the engineer passed the occurrence with the remark, "Maybe the rope caught and tightened while we were going around a curve."

But the mischief loving Little Minch was having a lot of fun in the car. No sooner had the train got under headway again than he again seized the bellcord and gave it another jerk. Once more the engineer came to a stop, declaring that the bell ringing was the work of tramps, but a search for the rascal failed to reveal any, and the train proceeded. With almost human roguery Little Minch again seized the rope, but he was not content with one jerk, and the way he pulled that rope was a caution. The enraged engineer slipped back in time to see the horse tugging at the rope, which he had bitten in two by his efforts, as if his life depended upon his ability to tear it out of the train. "Oh, you little minch! So it was you, was it?" cried the engineer. And the horse stopped and hung his head much as a guilty boy would have done. The story was retold many times, and the animal was named Little Minch.—Chicago Tribune.

A Woodchopper's Vision.

A chopper in the Kilkenny woods relates a story that he implicitly believes. This is his narrative: "I was at work for Van Dyke, at Connecticut Lake. The night was dark and rainy, and the wind howled and moaned in the tree tops. I went to bed, as the whole camp does, at 9 o'clock—that is, the lights are blown out at that hour, as is the rule in camp. Directly opposite my bunk was a small window that one could see out. I could not sleep and kept rolling and tumbling."

"I think I must have got into a sleep, for I was awakened by a light shining into the window, and a woman's face appeared as if looking in. I am sure it was the countenance of my sister, who died in Quebec two years ago. Strange to say, I was not scared. The light disappeared, and then again it shone in. This time the woman's hand appeared at the window, beckoning me to come. I got up and pulled on my trousers and went to the door. By this time the wind had stopped blowing, the rain had ceased, and the moon shone through the clouds at times."

"Standing near the woodpile was my sister. I recognized her now. I stepped toward her, but she motioned me back, saying, 'Joe, don't work tomorrow,' and vanished. I saw no more of her that night. The next day I staid in camp, and before noon Bill was brought in dead. A limb had fallen and broken his skull. He and I worked together. My sister has come to save life once since. Boys, this is God's truth."—Manchester (N. H.) Union.

A Gallant Rescue.

Here is a very charming cat and dog story for the truth and accuracy of which the proud inhabitants of the Swiss village where it occurred quite recently are, one and all, ready to vouch. A troublesome cat in the village had been doomed to a watery death, and the children of the owner had been told off to take it in a sack to the river Aar and there to drown it. The house dog accompanied the party to the execution, which was carried out according to parental instructions. But, much to the surprise of the inmates, a short time after the cat and dog, both soaking wet, reappeared together at their owner's door.

This is what had happened: The dog, on seeing that the sack containing the cat was thrown into the river, jumped after it, seized it with his teeth, dragged it to the bank, tore it open and restored his friend the cat to life and liberty. It goes without saying that the death warrant of the cat was destroyed after this marvelous escapade.—London Million.

Big Potatoes.

A French scientist's plans for securing a wonderful yield of potatoes are as follows: He steeped his cuttings for 24 hours in a solution of 6 pounds of saltpeter, 6 pounds of sulphate of ammonia and 25 gallons of water. He next allowed them to drain a whole day in order that the eye buds might swell before planting. From potato cuttings treated in this manner and planted in the usual way he obtained a yield of 42 tons of potatoes to the acre.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Good Cause For Suspicion.

"John," exclaimed the nervous woman, "do you think there is a burglar in the house?"
"Certainly not. Why, I haven't heard a sound all night."
"That's just what alarms me. Any burglar who wasn't foolish would keep perfectly quiet so as not to excite our suspicions. Indeed, John, I do so wish you would get up and look through the house!"—Washington Star.

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Ten dollar suits now 25 per cent less.
Twelve and a half dollar suits now 25 per cent less.
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Twenty-five dollar suits now 25 per cent less.
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Two and a half dollar pair pants now 25 per cent less.
Three dollar pair pants now 25 per cent less.
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Mrs. J. G. Paine, the best horsewoman in Boston, always grooms her own horse.

Senator Palmer's wife takes lunch with him every day in the senate restaurant.

Mrs. Andrew Carnegie is happiest when arranging some holiday concert or musical festival for the downtrodden and the needy.

Mrs. Henry E. Abbey possesses the largest collection of photographs of celebrities with autograph inscriptions to be found in this country.

Miss Blanch Martin, the Wichita (Kan.) lady who appeared on the streets in short skirts to encourage feminine dress reform, has returned to long dresses.

Mrs. Potter Palmer of Chicago has a penchant for Mexican and duchess laces. She probably owns one of the finest assortments of these delicate embroideries in the world.

Mrs. Stewart, 98 years old, is in a private almshouse in Glasgow. In 1823 she danced with George IV at a ball in Holyrood palace. Her uncle was the royal restaurateur in Edinburgh and procured an invitation for her.

Miss Alice Cooke has been appointed lecturer in history of Owens college, Manchester. This is the first time a woman has been appointed in a university college in England as a lecturer to mixed classes of men and women.

The board of managers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of the Protestant Episcopal church has appointed Dr. Mary B. Glenton of Boston a missionary to Alaska. She is to be stationed at Anvik, on the Yukon river.

To the question, "What is the use of ambulance classes?" Lady Elgin's reply was, "To teach us what not to do in an emergency," as she considers that mischief is often caused by an initial mistake in this or that circumstance of life.

Miss Annie D. Hallock, the schoolteacher who saved three men from drowning at Bridgeport recently, has been presented with a gold watch, chain and charm by Bridgeport citizens. She has also received a medal from the New York Life Saving association.

Mme. de Matos is the Joan of Arc of the Brazilian revolution. She enters the field with her husband attired in a dress which is a mixture of man and woman's attire. She is about 30 years of age, with blue eyes and blond hair, and possesses a great deal of personal magnetism.

The failure of a bank in Indianapolis has left the widow of Vice President Colfax practically penniless. Mrs. Jennie Heck, a well known member of the Rebekah degree, is endeavoring to get the Odd Fellows of Ohio to contribute a fund to make the declining years of Mrs. Colfax comfortable.

The wife of Congressman Wilson is a small woman, probably about 45 years of age, with blue eyes, gray hair and a delicate appearance, as of one whose health is far from strong, and there is no doubt that her husband would not permit her to keep up with the rapid pace of society during "the season."

THE SWAGGER DAMSEL.

Crapes of every sort are promised a very successful season.

The light and medium shades in bengaline, tulle and French cashmere are exquisite this season.

The leading colors for spring capes for general wear are black, green, the darker browns and a rich deep shade of blue.

Oriental laces of very fine mesh and extra quality in white and butter shades will be in great use for trimming summer dresses.

Modistes are making constant use of soft finished satins for dainty evening toilets, made wholly of the satin or combined with lace.

Rhinestone ornaments of every shape and size are extensively used upon handsome hats, bonnets, toques and evening toilets sent from Paris.

Tailor made shirt waists of pink linen, embroidered pique and fancy cotton fabrics are displayed among other premature novelties of the spring season.

Lenten gowns of soft friar's gray bengaline, camel's hair or sacking have skirts with plainly gored fronts and organ plaited back breadths that just escape the ground.

Notwithstanding the popularity of the basque bodice and the pointed corsage with applied trimmings at the lower edge, the round waist, in ever varying forms, will remain in favor.

Merchants just now are making a specialty of black, cream and cerise net top laces in Bourdon, Chantilly, Spanish, guipure and venise point designs, in edgings and insertions of all widths.

English serge, sacking in Persian mixtures and erepons of heavy grade are made into inexpensive street gowns for spring by adding basque pieces, epaulets, revers or bertha and crush collar of velvet.—New York Post.

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

If sassafras bark is sprinkled among dried fruit, it will keep out the worms.

Potatoes should be kept in barrels, while other vegetables should be placed on hanging shelves in a cellar that is cool and airy.

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BOARDERS WANTED—ROOM AND TABLE. 314 Campbell avenue s. w. 2 20 1w.

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

TO THE BUSINESS MEN OF ROANOKE: Having established a collecting agency I am now prepared to collect accounts and bills payable. Will be glad to receive all such, and will give them my personal attention. J. H. BREWER, Roanoke Savings Bank, or address box 138. 1 17 1m.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

NOTICE—THE THIRD ANNUAL meeting of the stockholders of the Oakland Improvement Company will be held in the office of the Company's attorneys, Messrs. Scott and Staples, Terry Building, Roanoke, Va., on Thursday, February 22nd, 1894, at 10 o'clock, a. m. By order of the Board of Directors. A. D. RICE, Secretary. 1 21 1d.

AUCTION SALES.

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, AT 12 O'CLOCK noon, we will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, one lot of household goods stored by W. W. Fortune, on which storage has not been paid. Sale at Roanoke Warehouse Company's warehouse. 1 19 30t.

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